

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **6 May 2005**, the Examiner reviewed Claims 1-27. Claims 1-6, 9-15, 18-24, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Osada et al (USPN 6,885,057, hereinafter "Osada"). Claims 7, 8, 16, 17, 25, and 26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-6, 9-15, 18-24, and 27 were rejected as being anticipated by Osada.


Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 10, and 19 to include allowable limitations from dependent claims 7, 16, and 25, respectively. Dependent claims 7, 16, and 25 have been canceled without prejudice.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 10, and 19 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-6 and 8-9, which depend upon claim 1, claims 11-15 and 17-18, which depend upon claim 10, and claims 20-24 and 26-27, which depend upon claim 19, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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